

## Message Text

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R 170650Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3276  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
AMEMBASSY SUVA  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
CINCPAC HONOLULU

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TOKYO FOR RFO

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, JA, PP  
SUBJECT: JAPAN - PAPUA NEW GUINEA SIGN FISHING AGREEMENT

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND PRIME MINISTER SOMARE SIGNED  
EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND AGREED MINUTES ON FISHERIES MAY 16.  
ESSENTIAL POINTS OF INTERIM (TO JANUARY 31, 1979) AGREEMENT  
RELEASED TO PRESS FOLLOW:

- A) VESSELS OF EACH MAY FISH IN FISHING ZONE OF OTHER NATION
- B) ZONE IN A) ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE TORRES STRAIT OR PNG  
12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA.
- C) JAPAN TO PAY LUMP SUM OF ONE MILLION KINA PLUS K22.50  
PER METER PER VESSEL FOR INITIAL NINE-MONTH PERIOD.
- D) JAPANESE VESSELS MUST OBTAIN PNG LICENSES AND USE PORTS

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OF RABAU, PORT MORESBY, MADANG AND KAVIENG  
E) PNG FISHERIES LEGISLATION WILL APPLY AND JAPANESE  
WILL SUPPLY DETAILS OF CATCH AND LOCATION.  
F) PNG WILL PLACE OBSERVERS ON VESSELS AND PROVISION  
MADE FOR DISPATCH OF JAPANESE PATROL VESSEL TO PNG  
FISHING ZONE.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY TELLS US LUMP SUM PAYMENT THIS YEAR PAID IN LIEU OF 5 PERCENT FEE ON EXPORT VALUE WHICH PNG WANTED. JAPANESE OFFERED K500,000 BUT PNG WOULD NOT BUDGE. IN FUTURE, LICENSES WILL RUN K30 PER METER PER SHIP ANNUALLY. JAPANESE REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE "MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY JURISDICTION" OVER MIGRATORY SPECIES BUT DID AGREE TO PNG "EXERCISING AUTHORITY" IN ITS EEZ. THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDED IN MINUTES BUT NOT IN NOTES, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBOFF.

3. GIVEN POTENTIAL CATCH HERE OVER REMAINDER OF YEAR, ONE MILLION KINA OBVIOUSLY AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE, NOT A PAYING PROPOSITION THIS YEAR. IN FACT, GPNG FISHERIES DIRECTOR WILSON TOLD EMBOFF, GOVERNMENT DROVE TOO HARD A DEAL WITH JAPANESE. FOR THEIR PART, JAPANESE SAID NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN VERY DIFFICULT.

4. JAPANESE TELL US TEXTS NOT YET RELEASED AND PROBABLY WILL NOT BE UNTIL SIGNED AGREEMENTS RECEIVED BY TOKYO VIA POUCH. IF EMBASSY TOKYO DOES NOT OBTAIN COPY FROM GOJ, ASSUME WE CAN EVENTUALLY OBTAIN ONE HERE.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: MESSAGE DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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